

South's 'Operation Nepal' to Open Friday

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ROYAL COURT . . . Sharon Terrill, crowned last Saturday as the 1968 Miss Torrance, sits on her newly acquired throne for her first official portrait. Surrounding the new beauty queen are (from left) Leslie Erickson, Miss Personality; Etta Cumiford, second runner-up; Joel A. Spivak, radio personality

and master of ceremonies for the pageant; and Darcy Jo Barcroft, first runner-up. Miss Terrill, runner-up in the 1966 Miss Texas contest, was selected from a field of 12 young ladies to succeed Susan Foster as Miss Torrance. (Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

Sharon Terrill to Reign As Miss Torrance of 1968

Sharon Terrill, a 21-year-old coed at California State College at Long Beach, was named Miss Torrance of 1968 Saturday evening during the second annual Miss Torrance Pageant.

She succeeds Susan Foster,

who was present to crown Miss Terrill. Darcy Jo Barcroft, a 19-year-old El Camino College student, was named first runner-up. Etta Cumiford, 20, 1967 Miss Lomita, was named second runner-up.

The Miss Personality award, selected by a vote of the contestants, was given to Leslie Erickson, an 18-year-old Harbor College coed.

MISS TERRILL, a native of Texas, was a runner-up in the 1966 Miss Texas competition. The new Miss Torrance will represent the city in the Miss California competition, to be held in Santa Cruz in the spring. Both the Miss Torrance and Miss California pageants are official preliminaries for the Miss America Pageant.

In addition, Miss Terrill will ride on the city's 1969 entry in the Tournament of

Roses Parade and represent the city at a variety of special events.

TWELVE GIRLS competed for the title of Miss Torrance. They appeared in formals, in swim suits, and in a talent contest. Miss Terrill presented a selection from "Carly Sandburg, Yes," a special dramatic reading based on Sandburg's works.

A reception was held following the contest. At the reception, Miss Terrill received a U.S. Savings bond, clothing,

In Hospital

Councilman Jay Beasley is at UCLA Medical Center undergoing a series of tests. His colleagues at the City Council meeting last night learned that Beasley will be absent from a few days to two months, depending on results of the tests.

and other prizes presented by merchants throughout the city.

Miss Torrance also received a complete wardrobe, including a formal gown to be worn in the Miss California competition, jewelry, and other prizes.

JUDGES FOR the contest were Ronald M. Bruno, assistant head of the casting department at MGM Studios; Andre Duval, an advisor for the John Robert Powers Schools; Merle Mergell, field director for the Miss California Pageant; Miss Denise Richards, president of Denise Richards Studios of Glamour; and Mrs. Frank Sciarrotta, Torrance Beautiful Commission.

Sponsors of the contest were the Torrance Jaycees. Arne Drier served as pageant director. Ralph Grippo is president of the Jaycees.

Supercarnival Set at South High

South High School's supercarnival, "Operation Nepal," will begin its three-day run Friday evening on the Spartan campus.

The huge benefit, one of largest projects of its kind ever to be launched by high school students, will aid Azad High School in Banepa, Nepal.

Funds raised at the three-day festival will be sent to Nepal to be used to purchase furniture, school materials, and other items for the small school's educational program.

Highlight of the Friday program will be a donkey basketball game featuring teams composed of South High faculty members and the USC-UCLA football teams.

Two concerts featuring popular singing groups will highlight the program Saturday. Businessmen and industrial

firms throughout the community have joined with South High students to present what is a mini-world's fair. Exhibits ranging from antique cars to airplanes and from movies to lectures will be open during the weekend.

Visitors to the festival will enter through a Walkway of the World. Other special areas will include an American Square, a Parisian Quarter, a Children's Kingdom, the Port of Jamaica, a Tahitian Village, London Fashion Park, a Latin Fiesta, a Danish Pastry Fair, a Dutch Floral Garden, and the Nepalese Pavilion.

Hours are 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, and 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets for all special events are available at South High and at mutual ticket agencies.

New Report Asked On City Bus Lines

Identify Crash Victim

The body of a 57-year-old Torrance man has been identified by investigators examining the remains of 20 victims of a bus crash which occurred near Baker, Calif., last Thursday.

Celestino D. Semana, 57, of 250 E. 214th St., was identified by FBI technicians and coroner's investigators Monday.

Semana was one of 20 persons burned alive Thursday when the bus and a car collided on a freeway east of Baker. The driver of the car has been identified as Michael Barry, 39, of Baker.

Four other victims have been identified by the investigators.

Semana, who was employed by a Gardena club, was born April 25, 1910, in the Philippines. He had lived in this area for 38 years.

He is survived by his widow, Lula of Torrance; and two sons, Celestino Jr., who is in Vietnam, and Joseph of Torrance; and two daughters, Mary and Gloria Semana, both of Torrance.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Campaign Code for City Asked

W. J. Uerkwitz, a candidate for the Torrance City Council, last night leveled charges of unfair campaign practices among incumbent councilmen, calling for a code to correct the situation. Uerkwitz brought up his complaints under "oral communications" at the council's regular session.

The candidate spoke of the "incumbent credibility gap," accusing one councilman of making false campaign statements. He also contended that incumbents took unfair advantage of the city's resources. (See CAMPAIGN, Page A-3)



ENLIST TOGETHER . . . Peggy Tuffley, 19, of Torrance and her brother, Michael, 20, plan to enlist in the U.S. Navy March 22. Discussing the Navy with them is Chief Petty Officer Pete Jurgensen, the Navy's Inglewood district recruiter.

ON SAME DAY

Brother, Sister Will Join Navy

March 22 will be a big day for Michael Tuffley, 20, of 17039 Illinois Court, and his 19-year-old sister, Peggy. Both are scheduled to enlist that day in the U.S. Navy.

According to Chief Petty Officer Pete Jurgensen, the Navy's Inglewood district recruiter, this is the first time in his memory that such a thing has been scheduled to happen.

"It is not unusual for a brother and sister to enlist for the same branch of the service. But on the same day?"

March 8 the two met with Jurgensen to sign papers of intent.

Upon being inducted Miss Tuffley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Tuffley, will report immediately to Cambridge, Md., to undergo basic training.

Her brother, however, will not begin his military duty for 120 days. This "delay program" will allow him to finish the academic year at El Camino College, where he is majoring in history.

ASKED WHY they decided to enlist in the Navy the same day, Tuffley remarked, "I guess it is sort of coincidental. We both feel we owe an obligation to our country."

The college student said he decided to join the Navy about two weeks before his sister did. "But I want to make it clear that I did not influence her in any way." Asked what she hopes to

specialize in the Navy, Miss Tuffley remarked, "I have no idea. I'm willing to do anything they tell me to do."

JURGENSEN SAID she will have the opportunity to specialize "in any one of 20 fields." He noted that most women eventually decide to (See NAVY, Page A-3)

Council To Look At Costs

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City Councilmen may be having second thoughts about selling the money-losing Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

At last night's regular meeting, councilmen called on the city Recreation Department to produce figures showing how many people use the city's recreational facilities.

Councilmen Ken Miller requested the figures so local lawmakers could compare them with similar figures for the bus system. It has long been the contention of city officials that the bus lines are too costly in comparison with the small number of people who use bus facilities.

The bus deficit is now running about \$100,000 per year.

TO SOLVE the deficit problem, councilmen have voted to sell the bus system to the Southern California Rapid Transit District. Legal obstacles, however, still stand in the way of the bus sale.

Mayor Albert Ison, the bus sale's only avowed foe, noted that SCRTD operation costs per mile were considerably higher than local costs.

He predicted that the subsidy the city must pay to keep bus schedules as they are would continue to rise above the \$70,000 that will be charged the first year after the sale. SCRTD would require the subsidy from the city in order to make up for the huge deficit incurred by the system.

ISEN ALSO expressed fears that the bus sale would result in the eventual cut-back of all intra-city bus lines, leaving only the major trunk lines open. He suggested a 5-cent increase in the basic bus fare.

The mayor also said that the fully depreciated buses in the local fleet could be made to serve a few more years (See BUS, Page A-3)

Gardena Marine Killed - - -

Marine Lance Cpl. Rickey E. Appleby of (Gardena) was reported killed in action in Vietnam late Tuesday by the Department of Defense. Appleby is the son of Mrs. Ruth L. Monroe of 1411 W. 190th St. No details were given about the death.

Robbery Suspects Arrested - - -

Two Long Beach men were arrested by Torrance police Monday in connection with the robbery of a Kentucky Colonel Chicken Restaurant at 166th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard. Ronald A. Bishop, 23, an unemployed laborer, and Paul Drake Hooks, also 23, a seaman, were arrested about 4 p.m. Monday. They are accused of taking \$2,458 at gunpoint from the restaurant owner, Wayne Richey, 36. Richey told police the men knocked on a delivery entrance and then forced him to open the safe about 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Burglars Hit Three Homes - - -

Losses of more than \$1,000 were reported in three separate burglaries Tuesday, according to Torrance police. The home of Granville B. Smith, 23429 Ladeene Ave., was ransacked and coins and jewelry worth \$305 were taken during the daylight hours. A portable television and stereo worth nearly \$260 were taken from the home of Lowell Calhoun, 5614 Ruby St., while a revolver, two cameras, a radio and \$48 in cash were removed from the home of Harvey Rascoe, 51, at 3855 Newton St. Rascoe estimated the loss at \$517.

Redondo Man Dies In Vietnam

The death of a Redondo Beach soldier was reported Tuesday by the Department of Defense.

Pentagon reports listed Pfc. Gary M. Diaz as killed in action in Vietnam. He was reported missing 35 days ago.

Diaz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Diaz of 718 Rita St., Redondo Beach. The 20-year-old soldier, who was born in San Pedro, joined the Army last June and arrived in Vietnam just before Christmas.

He was a graduate of Redondo Union High School and had played Little League and Pony League baseball and was active in Pop Warner football. Diaz also played baseball and football while at Redondo Union High School.

He is survived by his parents; two sisters, Mrs. Cheryl Caldwell and Deborah Diaz; and a brother, Steven, all of Redondo Beach.

Pilot Cited

A student pilot with American Airlines was cited early Sunday morning for driving without a license and traveling too fast for road conditions when his small foreign car hit a parked car on 235th Street.

The student pilot is Mathew Mendoza, 27, of 23611 Arlington Ave., Apt. 301.